

RE: LETTER FROM LUCIEN BOUCHARD, MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OTTAWA
WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1990 MAY 14 MEETING OF COUNCIL
(ITEM 16) REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS FUND

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 MAY 16

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS FUND

PURPOSE: To provide Council with additional information on the federal government's Environmental Partners Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At the regular Council meeting of 1990 May 14, Council received a letter from the Honourable Lucien Bouchard, Minister of the Environment, describing the Environmental Partners Fund (EPF). Council requested staff to send letters to environmental groups based in Burnaby informing them of the program and the 1990 June 01 deadline for receipt of applications.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS FUND

Staff has contacted the Environmental Partners Fund office in Vancouver and obtained additional information on the program for Council. Key points are summarized here.

1. The Environmental Partners Fund is a 5 year program focused on establishing community-based environmental clean-up and protection projects. The program is less than one year old.
2. EPF applications are accepted throughout the year. The "deadlines" of 1 March, 1 June and 1 December initiate committee review of all applications received up to that date. Successful projects are selected and announced within 90 days of the "deadlines".
3. EPF encourages longer-term projects of 2 to 3 years duration.

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4. Government and industry groups who sponsor EPF projects must include documentation of the financial value of their contribution to the project in the application to EPF.
 5. To date, EPF has found that applications which are put together in a rush are generally unsuccessful and lack the necessary commitment required to sustain a project.
 6. EPF will forward us a complete set of application instructions and forms to assist in identifying suitable candidate projects.
- Staff will review the materials which EPF is forwarding to us and contact appropriate environmental groups and potential sponsors by letter. An article in the August issue of Information Burnaby will inform Burnaby residents of the program and the December 01 deadline. It is the intention of staff to provide further information on EPF, candidate projects and potential sponsors to the Environment & Waste Management Committee for their consideration and subsequent report to Council.

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cc: Director Engineering
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